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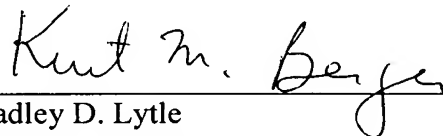
SIR:

In response to the Election Requirement stated in the Official Action dated January 25, 2008, Applicants in the above-identified patent application provisionally elect, without traverse, Species I, Claims 1-14.

Examination on the merits of Claims 1-14 of Species I is believed to be in order. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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